



The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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Tolland Volunteer Fire Department

Pancake Breakfast

When: Saturday April 14, 2007

Where: Tolland Town Hall

Time: 7:00am - 11:00am

Serving: Pancakes, sausage, bacon, Tolland native maple syrup,
fruit cup coffee tea, juice and milk.

Donations: \$5:00 for 12 years old and up / \$3:00 for 11 years and younger

Hope to see you all there.



Police Department News

As many of you have probably heard, there have been several burglaries in Tolland as well as in our surrounding communities during the month of January. These burglaries are currently under investigation by the Tolland Police, Granville Police and the Massachusetts State Police. All three departments are working together, along with the State Police Crime Scene Services Unit to solve these recent incidents. In most of the cases, forced entry was used to gain access to the homes and businesses.

Items taken were mostly small items that are easy to carry - such as small electronics and liquor. In one home a rifle was taken as well as a small dirt bike. The dirt bike was recovered by Wildwood Security on a check of homes. If any resident or part-time resident has any questions or information on these burglaries, please contact the Police Department at (413) 258-4515.

I would like to remind all homeowners that although we live in an area where it seems that crime is not a problem, we should all take precautions to protect our property and family, since crime has no boundaries.

Some precautions that can be taken are:

1. Lock all doors and windows when leaving
2. Close garage and barn doors
3. Lock car and truck doors parked in drives
4. Install security lighting around house.
5. Don't leave items such as snowmobiles, quads or lawn equipment out in the open. (best to store inside or behind a residence).
6. Let a trusted neighbor know when you will be away for an extended time period.
7. Install timer lights inside of home to give the appearance of occupancy.

If you do discover that breaking and entering or theft has occurred, some basic steps should be followed:

1. Contact the police immediately at (413) 258-4515 - a dispatcher will take your information and have the police respond.
2. Don't touch anything! Picking up broken glass or walking around the house looking for missing items disturbs the crime scene and makes the job of the evidence technicians more difficult.
3. Have documents ready for police (i.e - model and serial numbers). Residents are encouraged to record the make, model and serial numbers of all electronic items such as TVs, DVD players and computers. For non-serial numbered items like jewelry and antiques, use a digital picture. All this information should be kept in a secure location in the home.

Additionally, if you are going away for an extended time period you may contact the Tolland Police Department to check the exterior of your home while you are away. To take advantage of this service, just contact the Department at (413) 258-4515 and an officer will contact you and fill out a house-check form, or one can be obtained at the Town Hall during regular business hours.

Other Police News

In January, Chief Munson, Sergeant Deming and Officer Walker all attended in-service training in Sandisfield. The classes were held on three Saturdays and each session was eight hours. Instructors for the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Academy covered such topics as legal update and motor vehicle law, defensive tactics and officer safety as well as drug recognition and searches. All three officers passed their tests with very high marks and came away with some great information. All police officers are required to take and pass an in-service program every year.

Motorists should be aware that many complaints come in regarding drivers not stopping at the stop signs at Beetle and Colebrook River Road and Colebrook River Road and Route 57. Drivers should be aware that the Tolland Police will be paying close attention to these intersections and that the first offense fine for the infraction is \$100.00. The second offense fine is \$150.00.

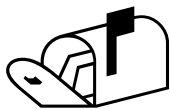
The cruiser radio has finally been replaced. It was ordered in November and installed in January, so regular patrols are beginning again.

The Police Department would like to thank all the residents of Tolland for their support and encourage all home owners to continue purchasing the house numbering signs from the Fire Department. Our job is made much harder if we can't find your home.

Please continue to buckle-up when on the roads and if anyone has any questions or comments, please contact me at (413) 258-4515 or (413) 258-2948 or at - Tolland Police @ EarthLink.net

Senator Knapik at the Town Hall:

Senator Knapik will be available at the Town Hall on March 5th and May 7th at 11:15am for anyone who wishes to meet with him.



Thank you Tolland for all you did to make my 100th Birthday such a special event. The roses were just beautiful. And I loved the Happy Birthday message at the dump. I was very moved to have the Children's Corner at the library named in my honor.

I appreciate all the telephone calls, the birthday cards, the pictures and everyone who came over to extend good wishes.

Thank you, Charlotte Clark



Fire Department News



The meetings/drills for the month of March are the following Tuesday nights, March 13th and March 27th from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to stop by the fire house during this time, please feel free to do so.

Order forms for the reflective house number signs can be picked up at the Town Hall. An order form is printed in the Tattler as well.

The following are the responses from January 20th through February 20th, 2007:

January responses:

- 1 Medical Call
- 1 Mutual Aid - Town of Sandisfield

February responses:

- 1 Medical Call
- 2 Standbys - Town of Sandisfield

Please be sure to check your batteries in your smoke and CO detectors.

A Hazmat class is being scheduled for the month of April at the Town Hall.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the Fire Department's Pancake Breakfast on April 14, 2007 at the Town Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Should you have any questions please contact Eric Munson, III, Lester Walker or Mike Sullivan.

From the office of the Tax Collector

Real estate and personal property tax bills for Fiscal year 2007, which ends June 30, 2007, were mailed on February 14th.

The tax bills are due 30 days from mailing (March 12, 2007) at:

The Tolland Town Hall
Collector's Office
241 West Granville Rd
Tolland, MA 01034

By law, the bills were mailed to the owners of record as of Jan 1, 2006.

Any new homeowner or anyone who does not receive a real estate or personal property tax bill should contact the Collector's Office at (413) 258-4794.

Foxwoods / Pequot Museum Bus Trip... *right from the Tolland Town Hall!*

Saturday May 5th, 2007

Pick-up by 9:00am

Return at approximately 7:00pm

Cost: \$15:00 - and it gets you all this:

- Bus trip
- a \$10.00 meal ticket
- \$10.00 Keno play

Museum shuttle provided about every 20 minutes

Museum Entry Fee: \$15:00 - adults
 \$13:00 - seniors

Look in "Entertainment" book for discount

Money is due upon reservation. Reservations must be made by April 15, 2007.
Tolland Town Hall, 241 W. Granville Road, Tolland MA 01034

Questions call 258-4794

Grant awarded to Friends of Yanner Park

SANDISFIELD – Friends of Yanner Park, Inc. has received a \$700 grant from The South Berkshire County Fund of Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation to support publication of its newsletter, the Yanner Park Bulletin.

Robbin Campetti, president of the organization, said the newsletter is an important vehicle for keeping the community informed of the progress made in park planning and fundraising. Said Campetti, "The newsletter really helps people visualize the future park and understand what a wonderful community gathering place it will be."

Friends of Yanner Park was established in 2004 to create a park on the 257-acre parcel of land bequeathed to the Town of Sandisfield by the late Jack Yanner. Features include a pavilion and ice skating rink, picnic area, ball field, playground and walking trails. For more information, visit www.yannerpark.org.

The South Berkshire County Fund, an endowment of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the residents of South County. For more information, visit www.berkshiretaconic.org.

Kindergarten Registration for Southwick and Tolland Children

Open Enrollment for Kindergarten in the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District for the 2007-2008 school year will be held at the Woodland Elementary School, 80 Powder Mill Road from Monday, March 19th through Friday, March 30th. In order to be eligible for Kindergarten, a child must be five years old by September 1, 2007. As required by Special Education Law, Chapter 766, screenings will be conducted in the areas of hearing, vision, speech/language, cognitive and motor skills.

All parents having an eligible child should come to the Woodland School Office to pick up your registration packet. A check off list is included for your convenience. Once you've filled out your paperwork and have the necessary documents as noted on the check off list, please return all information to the Woodland School Office.

An appointment will be made for you to attend the screening at that time to complete the enrollment process. PLEASE CALL 569-6598 with questions.

Veterans Corner

I am writing this article after speaking to a concerned parent of a troop in Iraq. He has come to this office requesting immediate help for his son. Oldair Silva is stationed in one of the worst parts of Iraq. He is going to be stationed there for the next 18 months and has run into a problem.

Since his unit is now going DOOR TO DOOR in one of the MOST VIOLENT places of Iraq, they are not located near any facilities to purchase personal hygiene items. He called his father and asked if he could get supplies sent to him ASAP. After speaking with Mr. Silva, I arranged for him to be in the office this week, as we have collected some items that he could use. We also have boxes and some money left in our Wounded Soldiers Account that we will use to help ship the items.

We are now looking for any hygiene products that we can collect. Some of the specific things that were requested by his unit were Baby Wipes, Eye drops, non-aerosol shaving cream, and small boxes of laundry soap. We will be collecting ANY items that can be donated, but would like to limit the items to personal care for the immediate future. If you know of any stores or companies that would like to help out, please contact me here in the office, and I will do the leg work and paperwork to help get the donations.

I hope everyone reading this can help out in some way, as most of the troops we have helped out have responded with great thanks. There is no question that this troop and his unit need our help.

All items collected can be dropped off here at the Veterans Office (681 Springfield St., at the Police Dept.) or at American Classics, (740 Springfield St. between 6 AM- 2 PM). Thanks to everyone who has already donated, and thanks to the people who will. I can be reached at 413-786-0400, ext 236. May God Bless Our Troops!!!

*Richard J. Girard Jr.
Deputy Director of Veterans' Services
Western Hampden District*

Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER
ORDER FORM

Please complete the following information:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, ST. , ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

Address Number Requested

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Note: if your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X those boxes not used.

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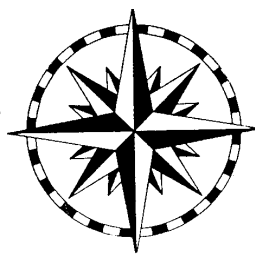
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FOR INFORMATION, call 258-2859

Checks payable to: Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
162A Colebrook River Road
Tolland, MA 01034

Tolland Weather



	MAX.	DATE	TIME	MIN.	DATE	TIME
TEMPERATURE	35	Jan.28	3pm	-1	Feb. 5	7am
HUMIDITY	100% several times			20%	Feb.13	2pm
DEWPOINT	32	Jan.28	7am	-13	Feb.13	2pm
BAROMETRIC PRESS.	30.23	Feb. 13	11am	29.2	Feb.14	2pm
WIND SPEED/DIR.	44 WNW	Feb. 15	8am			
WIND CHILL				-30	Feb.14	11pm
TOTAL RAINFALL						
TOTAL SNOWFALL	11.5 in.					

✦ For the period: January 19 to February 18, 2007
 Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level
High Country weather prepared by Steve Strinie

St. Patrick's Day *Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner* *Sponsored by the New Boston Congregational Church*

Saturday March 10, 2007
 5:00 - 7:00 pm

at Fire Station 2, Route 57, Sandisfield, MA

Potatoes, carrots, bread, assorted desserts and beverages
 Takeouts Available

\$10.00 Adults \$5.00 under 12
 Tickets available at door.

Southwick Tolland Regional School District

The superintendent of Southwick Tolland Regional School District, Tom Witham will be holding a roundtable at the Tolland town hall on March 7th at 6:30 PM. This will be your opportunity to meet with Tom and discuss any topics you desire. He has been doing these roundtables in Southwick for a year and half and several ideas have been impended. So this is our chance in Tolland to tell him what you like or dislike about what is going on in our schools.

So mark your calendars and plan to attend. Also by this time we should have a pretty good idea on what the school budget for next year will be and what the town's assessment will be.

Granville Federated Church

American Baptist & United Church of Christ

16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034—Phone 413-357-8583

Webpage: www.granvillefederated.org <<http://www.granvillefederated.org>>

- Saturday, Mar. 3 at 6 pm we will have a potluck supper with an Irish theme. Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives for pleasant fellowship and great food.
- Sunday, Mar. 18—8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a delicious breakfast in Fellowship Hall followed by the Morning Worship Service. Trained, certified babysitters are available for babies and small children during the service. Children leave for Sunday School after the Children's Sermon.
- The Ladies Aid will meet for a potluck luncheon at noon on Wed., Mar. 21. A meeting will follow. All are welcome.
- The Ladies Aid is once again sponsoring a Church World Service "Gift of the Heart" Kit drive. School kits, health kits and baby kits (formerly called layettes) will be collected through the month of April for national and international distribution. Kits are a vital part of CWS help in time of disaster and to low-income and/or homeless people. Last year we combined forces with the folks at Southwick Congregational Church and together donated an amazing total of 243 kits! Let's keep up the good work
- On Sunday, Mar. 25 at 11:15 a.m., an Adult Discussion of religion in the news will be led by the Rev. Patrick McMahon. Always open to new participants!
- Sunday, Feb. 18—8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
 - Sunday --10am Morning Worship & Sunday School
 - Monday—7pm-AA Meeting
 - Thursday—7pm-Adult Choir Practice
 - First Saturday—6pm-Potluck Supper
 - Third Sunday—8:30-9:30am-Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall
 - Third Wednesday—Noon-Ladies Aid Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
 - Fourth Sunday—11:15am—Adult Study Program led by the Rev. McMahon

All are welcome

Phone numbers and hours for Town Hall Offices:

Town Hall -Main no. 413 258-4794

Hours: • Mon. & Tue. - 8am to 4pm
• Wed. from 8am to 12pm

Building Inspector will be meeting by appointment only.

• Appointments can be made by calling 258-4590.

Assessor Clerk's hours : Mon. 10am - 4pm

Town Clerk - 413 258-4068

Hours: Monday 2 -4 pm, and by appointment

Board of Assessors - 413 258-4889

Hours: Monday 10am - 4pm

Library Hours:

Mon. 3:00pm - 8:30pm

Thurs. 11:00am - 4:00pm

Sat. 10:00am -12:00pm

From the office of Town Clerk

Reminder:

My hours are Monday 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and by appointment. I am in at other times but the days and hours vary. If my services are needed I can be very flexible, contact me and we can schedule a time to get together. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need something. I have a new phone number here at the Town Hall and check the voice mail from home during the week it is 413-258-4068, I can also be reached via email which I also check from home during the week townclerktoolland@earthlink.net .

Dog Licensing

The current dog licenses went into effect May 1, 2006 and expire April 30, 2007. There are still some households with dogs who have not licensed their dogs, you will be hearing from the Animal Control Officer, Joanne Duvall. I am putting the licensing form in the Tattler again for your convenience. If your dog has been spayed or neutered a copy of this must be attached along with the current rabies form. This information will be returned to you along with the new tags.

The annual cat and dog rabies clinic will be in April again. At this time I will have the new license forms available for next year. Watch the date and more information on this in the April 1st Tattler.

Annual Street Census

The annual street census was mailed out last month. A great number of you promptly returned these forms to me, thank you so much. If anyone did not receive a form please contact me and I will send another one out. This mailing included a preaddressed envelope for return which can be dropped at the Town Hall during regular business hours or in the grey drop box at the Town Hall, which will save you postage.

Sue Voudren, Town Clerk



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>Notes</i>				1	2	3 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
4 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	5 5:00pm Selectmen	6	7 5-7:00pm DUMP	8	9	10 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
11 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	12 5:00pm Selectmen	13 6:30 pm Historical Soc. meeting 7:00-10:00pm Fire Dept. Mtg. / Drill	14 5-7:00pm DUMP	15	16	17 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
18 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	19 5:00pm Selectmem 7:00pm Planning Board	20	21 5-7:00pm DUMP	22	23	24 9 - 11:00 am DUMP
25 3:00 - 5:00 pm DUMP	26 5:00pm Selectmen	27 1:00pm Board of Assessors 7:00-10:00pm Fire Dept. Mtg. / Drill	28 5-7:00pm DUMP	29	30	31 9 - 11:00 am DUMP

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